



Miami-Dade County

Minutes

Commission on Disability Issues (CODI)

Stephen P. Clark Center (SPCC)

111 N.W. 1st Street, Miami, Florida 33128

18th Floor, Conference Room 18-4

	Date:	Wednesday, June 27, 2012	
	Time:	1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	
	Call to Order Time:	1:49 est.	
	Meeting Adjourned:	4:03 est.	
I.	<u>Opening and Attendance:</u> Attendance recorded. Call to Order. Copies of documents were distributed		
	District 1 Commissioner Jordan	John Miller 1 st Vice Chair	Present
	District 2 Commissioner Monestime	Jackson David Access Committee Chair	Present
	District 3 Commissioner Edmonson	Jose Granda	Present
	District 4 Commissioner Heyman	Earl Oaks Employment Committee Chair	Present
	District 5 Commissioner Barreiro	Jose (Ernie) Martinez CODI Chairman	Present
	District 6 Commissioner Sosa	Pedro Rodriguez Housing Committee Co-Chair	Excused Absence
	District 7 Commissioner Suarez	Harry Horgan Outreach/Education Chair	Excused Absence
	District 8 Commissioner Bell	Jesus Garcia CODI Secretary and Transportation Committee Chair	Present
	District 9 Commissioner Moss	Ronald Fulton 2 nd Vice Chair	Present
	District 10 Commissioner Souto	Dr. Sam Kohlenberg Membership Committee Chair	Present
	District 11 Commissioner Martinez	Denise Valkema	Present
	District 12 Commissioner Diaz	Marilyn Larrieu Housing Committee Co- Chair	Present
	District 13 Commission Bovo	Alan Rigerman	Absent
	Miami-Dade County Staff Present	Dianne Steinberg ISD, Administrative & Business Services Division Recording Secretary	Present
		Heidi Johnson-Wright ISD, ADA Coordinator	Present
		Lucy Binhack , ADA Coordinator, Miami-	Present

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		Dade County Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces	
II.	Approval of Agenda	CODI Chairman Ernie Martinez made a motion to approve the 6/27/12 Agenda and to move the Committee Summary updates to above the Information Items on the Agenda. The Motion was seconded by John Miller. Motion passed.	
III.	Approval of CODI Minutes	The Chairman made a motion to have the minutes from the 5/25/12 CODI meeting approved. John Miller noted that CODI had extensive discussions regarding the Marlins Stadium STS Stop and the minutes should reflect that CODI is dissatisfied with the response they are getting from the Marlins Organization. Denise Valkema seconded the motion. Motion passed.	
IV.	Opening Comments	<p><i>3 minutes each speaker (Advance Notice Preferred)</i> <i>No public comments at this time</i></p> <p>a) Judy Fabian, a volunteer from the American Red Cross addressed CODI regarding her work as an instructor, shelter manager, and client case worker. She announced that the Red Cross is recruiting volunteers from the disability community. The Red Cross provides community disaster preparedness education and training for hurricane response for people who shelter-in-place and provide sessions for large or small groups and organizations. They require assistance to ensure the community receives this information.</p> <p>b) Lucy Binhack, ADA Coordinator, Miami-Dade County Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces, addressed CODI regarding a variety of issues including Haulover Beach access. Ms. Binhack stated that the engineering evaluation budget for this project is \$814,000 and noted that five year projects are often funded in intervals. The engineering study is 50 percent finished, with full completion expected by 6/29/12.</p> <p>Ms. Binhack stated that the right-of-way construction document has been approved for the ADA Parking Area Project. This involves the adding of accessible spaces and re-striping on the southern portion of the east side and at the lifeguard station area. PROS will complete architectural drawings and then request bids for the project.</p> <p>The Naranja Pool Renovation Project was completed and the pool has re-opened. A complaint was received because there was no lift accessible list. Ms. Binhack informed CODI that the pool now has the required number of lifts.</p> <p>Ms. Binhack said that the Crandon Park Bus Stop on Key Biscayne, in compliance with the agreement the County has with the Matheson family, is under review for possible relocation. She discussed the Crandon Park Pool project, and the default of both the contractor and its surety company. The project had to be rebid and will move ahead accordingly. She agreed to forward CODI the details in writing.</p> <p>Regarding special events at County parks, Ms. Binhack stated that 14 special events have been reviewed by her office this quarter and all were ADA compliant.</p> <p>She said PROS had received a \$24,000 grant from the Veterans Administration. In October, they will be teaching leisure education such as kayaking, air shooting at Trailblaze Range, and swimming to veterans with spinal cord injuries and PTSD. This is scheduled from October 2012 through May 2013 at multiple sites for veterans and their families.</p>	

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	<p>c) Gasoline Station Attendant Ordinance</p> <p>Tim Werner, Advocacy Committee Chair for the Paralyzed Veterans Association of Florida, advised that the County Gasoline Station Attendant Ordinance has passed and is now law. The blue sticker with ISA and a number to call for assistance will now be displayed at gas stations in Miami-Dade County.</p> <p>Additionally, gas stations are now required to charge regular price gas for self service gas. Other Florida Counties including Monroe, Collier and St. Lucie have passed such ordinances.</p> <p>John Miller inquired why a texting number was not required to be included on the stickers. ADA Coordinator Heidi Johnson-Wright said that a person with a cell phone or sidekick with texting capability (something most people who are deaf have) can text the Florida Relay Service, which would then call the gas station to let them know that a customer needs assistance. A discussion ensued and Jose Granda said that direct text is appropriate since few deaf people use TTYs anymore, and even if they do, would not have them in their cars. Jackson David advised that at a previous CODI Access Committee meeting it was decided no amendment is necessary as text to relay is acceptable.</p> <p>Mr. Werner said that letters are being sent to gas stations which include mandatory compliance within a certain amount of days for the placing the stickers on the gas pumps. Within 90 days, all gas stations must display these blue and white colored signs. The penalty for non-compliance is a maximum \$500.00 dollar fine. This is enforced by the County. Ms. Johnson-Wright stated that any violations of the ordinance can be reported via 311. It was noted that gas stations are only required to provide assistance when two or more employees are on duty.</p>
	<p>d) Marlins Ballpark STS Stop</p> <p>The CODI Chairman said the Marlins Ballpark STS drop off point cannot serve as both pick up and drop off due to differences in traffic flow at the start versus at the end of games. They will make adjustments to the sign.</p> <p>John Miller stated that this was not adequate. The CODI Chairman stated that this issue should be added to the next CODI Access Committee meeting agenda.</p> <p>e) Marlins Ballpark Audio Broadcasting</p> <p>Chairman Martinez stated that the FM radio broadcast frequency within the ballpark – which could enhance the experience for people who are blind – has not been resolved but are working with CODI.</p> <p>A concern regarding metal grates at the Marlins Stadium and taping of the floors was discussed. People with disabilities using white canes had issues maneuvering over the bumps. The Chairman advised that this is an issue for the CODI Access Committee.</p> <p>f) Marlins Ballpark Closed Caption Visibility</p> <p>Chairman Martinez stated that he and Jose Granda went to the Marlins Stadium to assess the captioning visibility and he will have addition recommendations to the CODI Access Committee.</p>

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IV. Committee Summary Updates		<p>1. ACCESS COMMITTEE</p> <p>Haulover Beach Project:</p> <p>Jackson David stated that Haulover Beach staff sent an e-mail to the ADA Coordinator's Office to advise that they were working on the Haulover Beach Project.</p> <p>Tim Werner stated that he wrote a letter to the US Access Board on behalf of his organization regarding the issue of Haulover Beach. He noted that there has been a concern for years that there were not a sufficient number of parking spaces for the disabled.</p> <p>Ms. Binhack said the County is moving ahead with their plan and that they have not been contacted by the Access Board. Jackson David stated that they will continue to work with the County regarding the tunnel or the parking on the north side.</p> <p>Chairman Martinez inquired about the tunnel. Ms. Binhack advised that an engineering study is in process. Jackson David suggested someone from PROS attend the next Access Committee Meeting, scheduled for 7/19/12.</p> <p>Ms. Johnson-Wright requested that all CODI Committee Chairpersons advise her on a monthly basis when they plan to schedule committee meetings, and forward agenda items and names of County staff to invite and include topics of discussion. This should be done in advance, at least a week or two before the scheduled meetings.</p> <p>Chairman Martinez noted that previously CODI Committees met regularly in the first two weeks of the month. This practice also assists when putting together the CODI Board Agenda. John Miller added that the agendas should be available at least a week before each meeting.</p>
		<p>2. Housing Committee</p> <p>Chairman Martinez noted that Miami-Dade Housing staff is not in attendance. Jackson David said that, after the last CODI meeting, the CODI Housing Committee met with County Housing Department staff on two occasions and submitted recommendations for the County's Plan from CODI and the Center for Independent Living. He noted the Voluntary Compliance Agreement with HUD established in 2004, stipulated that 5% of the units (478 units) be made accessible by December 2010. As of yet, the Housing Department staff has not responded to the CODI recommendations.</p> <p>Ms. Johnson-Wright noted that although the ADA Office was not involved with the VCA, the program was overseen by the Housing Department and while Dan Howe, ADA Coordinator, MDPHA, was there substantial progress on the VCA was made at that time.</p> <p>Mark Dubin stated that the VCA was signed by the County in 2004 which was given to 2010 to complete. The VCA is still in effect as the agreement does not terminate until there is full compliance. HUD still has jurisdiction over the Agency and the Agency currently has a request for another extension to attain the 5% goal. HUD can amend the VCA depending upon the actual needs demonstrated, to allow the County to increase the percentage of accessible units.</p> <p>CODI and CIL became involved in the Consolidated Plan discussion in June 2012. This process started in November 2011. HUD is to receive a consolidated plan which should include consultation from homeless programs and the disability community to include ongoing discussions taking place since November 2011. These discussions only began in</p>

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		<p>June 2012 when Jackson David learned of these at the CIL.</p> <p>He noted that the number of units in Miami-Dade County actually in compliance is not known. This is not taking into account private developers who receive HUD money. This is monitored through the HUD field office in Miami.</p> <p>Additionally, they have not addressed the question of getting people out of nursing homes, homeless shelters and assisted living facilities. There is a federal mandate to do so.</p> <p>Jesus Garcia stated that this issue is coming before the BCC on July 10, 2012.</p> <p>CODI Recommendations for the Consolidated Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The County will set aside not less than fifteen percent (15%) of the units in its public housing portfolio for disabled persons and/or families.▪ Through its Request for Application (RFA) process, the County will incentivize developers to set-aside not less than 10% of all new units to be fully UFAS-accessible with any County funds. Such incentives may include, for example, the provision of extra points for UFAS-accessible units, larger density allowances as well as additional funding subsidies to underwrite the costs of development.▪ The County will give priority to households of people with disabilities on the Section 8 waiting list.▪ The County will explore the use of HUD Section 811 funding to increase the supply of affordable and accessible housing for disabled persons.▪ Through outreach to CODI and other agencies that represent the disabled community, the County will increase the education, awareness, and sensitivity of staff to the needs of the disabled community.▪ Work with CODI and community agencies to establish a plan to transition disabled individuals out of institutions such as nursing homes, ALF's, homeless shelters into suitable including when appropriate accessible/affordable housing pursuant Olmstead Decision.▪ Insure that any Near Elderly Disabled (NED) vouchers are reissued to non-elderly persons with a disability.▪ The County shall set aside not less than fifteen percent (15%) of all Tenant-based Rental Assistance to households with one or more people with disabilities.▪ Increase outreach to the disability community, including the provision of printed material in alternative formats for persons with disabilities, and auxiliary aids and services such as sign language interpreters, which will facilitate enhanced communication with the disabled community. For many late-deafened individuals, including veterans who have lost their hearing, the provision of CART services is essential in order for effective communication to result. <p>John Miller made a motion stating that the CODI Board not support the Miami-Dade County Consolidated Plan. The motion was seconded by Jesus Garcia. Motion passed unanimous.</p> <p>John Miller made a motion that the CODI Board support the recommendations submitted by the CODI Housing Committee for the Miami-Dade County Consolidated Plan. The motion was seconded by Earl Oakes. Motion passed unanimous.</p>
		<p>3. Transportation Committee</p> <p>Jesus Garcia stated that the Transportation Committee will not meet in July and probably not in August either unless something critical comes up.</p> <p>Jesus Garcia made a motion that CODI support the Transit Department's move of the Bus</p>

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		<p>Way Station on US1 and 117 Street to US1 and 120th Street and that an accessible pedestrian signal be installed. Motion was seconded by Marilyn Larrieu. Motion passed unanimous.</p> <p>Chairman Martinez discussed the issue of orange seat belt use on STS vehicles. He stated that STS driver are not giving riders the option to not wear the belt. He recommended that STS rider orange belt preferences be listed on the Manifest. When taking reservations STS should ask the rider to update their record and include the question regarding the use of this belt.</p> <p>Chairman Martinez made a motion that the issue of the orange strap preferences be noted on the Manifest. The motion was seconded by Jesus Garcia. Motion passed unanimous.</p> <p>Jesus Garcia made a motion that all ambulatory passengers travelling in wheelchair vans must be seated facing forward and have correct lap and shoulder belts for restraints. Motion was not 2nd. Motion passed unanimous.</p> <p>Fred Simmons, Procurement Contracting Officer, ISD, Procurement Management Services (PMS) stated that Procurement Management is working on the replacement contract for STS Services and raised concerns that this configuration was not included in the solicitation and might place a burden on the STS provider. Jesus Garcia stated that this is not a new requirement and should not raise the cost of the contract.</p> <p>Jesus Garcia announced that the Metro Rail system now has a new line which goes to the Miami International Airport (MIA).</p>
V.	Action Items	<p>Commission on Disability Issues Staff Support</p> <p>Chairman Martinez recommended the CODI Executive Committee meet for discussions regarding CODI's structure and review compliance of the Municipal Code, Chapter 2, Article XXIV, Section 2-218 on support and other issues. Additionally, a discussion regarding a budget for CODI and how to acquire one should be addressed.</p>
		<p>Adjournment: Motion made by CODI Chairman. The motion was seconded by John Miller.</p> <p>Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 27, 2012</p>